

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Kenneth F. Buechler et al.  
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THE STATUS OF ASSAY AND  
IMMUNOASSAY  
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**RESPONSE TO SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINER'S ANSWER**

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Dear Sir:

Following remand of the present application by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences ("BPAI") for further consideration by the Examiner, a Supplemental Examiner's Answer, mailed October 18, 2007 (hereinafter "the Examiner's Answer") was issued. In accordance with 37 CFR § 41.50(a)(2)(i), Applicants request that prosecution be reopened by the Examiner, and file the present reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111.

Please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

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Remarks begin on page 10.